

SPOTLIGHT

Scooters an alternative form of transportation

By Shane Sherwood
Senior Reporter

Scooters are an affordable form of transportation that require only a driver license.

Maryville residents and Northwest students who live off campus drive or want a scooter to save money. Auto places that sell scooters have seen an increase in gas powered scooter sales, Archer Auto Sales owner John Archer said.

This is the first year Archer has sold gas-powered scooters. In the past, he sold electric scooters, but those did not sell as well, Archer said.

"The gas scooters seem to be higher quality than the electric scooters," Archer said. "Selling these gas powered scooters have done well for me so far."

Since the beginning of summer, he has sold about 30 scooters, Archer said.

"For a \$1,000 you can get

something that you don't have to license and insure," Archer said. "They are economical all the way around."

To purchase a scooter at Archer Auto sales, the only requirements are the funds to purchase the scooter and a driver's license. When purchased, Archer supplies the buyer with the paper work that could be used to get a title on the scooter if titles become required.

"If scooter numbers increase,

I can't imagine the state not cashing in and saying it's going to cost you so much money to have them," Archer said. "It's a hard call because they are not classified as motor vehicles because they are too CCS (carbon capture and storage). If not a title, there will be a fee sometime and somehow."

If people are looking at scooters, it's not hard to sell them because they are already interested in purchasing one,

Archer said.

Archer said he believes wearing a helmet when riding a scooter is a good idea, but it is the rider's prerogative.

"It's like riding a bicycle, it is protection," Archer said. "There is chance that the other guy won't see you, and accidents do happen. Helmets are just a good idea."



THIS YEAR
THERE has been an increasing amount of scooters on campus. These scooters are parked in the Union parking lot.

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UNIVERSITY NEWS

Grant will help fund new science program

By Evan Young
Editor in Chief

Microscopes capable of producing images of materials that are billionths of a meter in size are on a list of items Northwest will purchase using federal funds.

A \$1.14 million U.S. Department of Energy grant received last week allows the University to purchase several pieces of nanoscience equipment to be used in laboratories within the school's Graduate Applied Research Center at the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE).

"These funds will allow students to conduct research using cutting-edge equipment not available to undergraduates at most institutions," College of Arts and Sciences Dean Charles McAdams said.

At the top of the list are two microscopes: a scanning electron microscope (SEM) and an atomic force microscope (AFM). The SEM and AFM produce images and map the surfaces of material, respectively, only nanometers (billionths of a meter) in size.

Also planned for purchase is a gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer (GC-MS). The GC-MS can identify substances within the nanomaterials being examined.

The equipment will benefit the institution's new, interdisciplinary, undergraduate nanoscience degree program, classes for which should begin in fall 2009 at the facility, McAdams said.

The new program's curriculum includes courses based in chemistry, physics and biology and is somewhat exclusive to the region, McAdams said. Many schools offer engineering-based nanoscience degrees; as Northwest is not an engineering school, its program will be different, he said.

Undergraduate students will train in the various disciplines, using the new equipment, to prepare for a more advanced graduate nanoscience program, said Rafiq Islam, professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry and Physics.

Several students have already inquired about the degree, Rafiq said.

"I believe that once we start the program, we'll get more students interested," he said.

Missouri is part of a group of states known as the "life sciences corridor," a region where research dollars go in hopes of finding new technologies that "enhance lives" and in general make great strides in science, McAdams said.

"That's what nanotechnology is all about," he said.

Nanotechnology has a number of applications in the scientific world, Islam said. Nanomaterials can be manipulated for use in medicine, such as administering drugs to infected human cells. They can also be found in everyday products such as microchips, mouthwash and detergent, he said.

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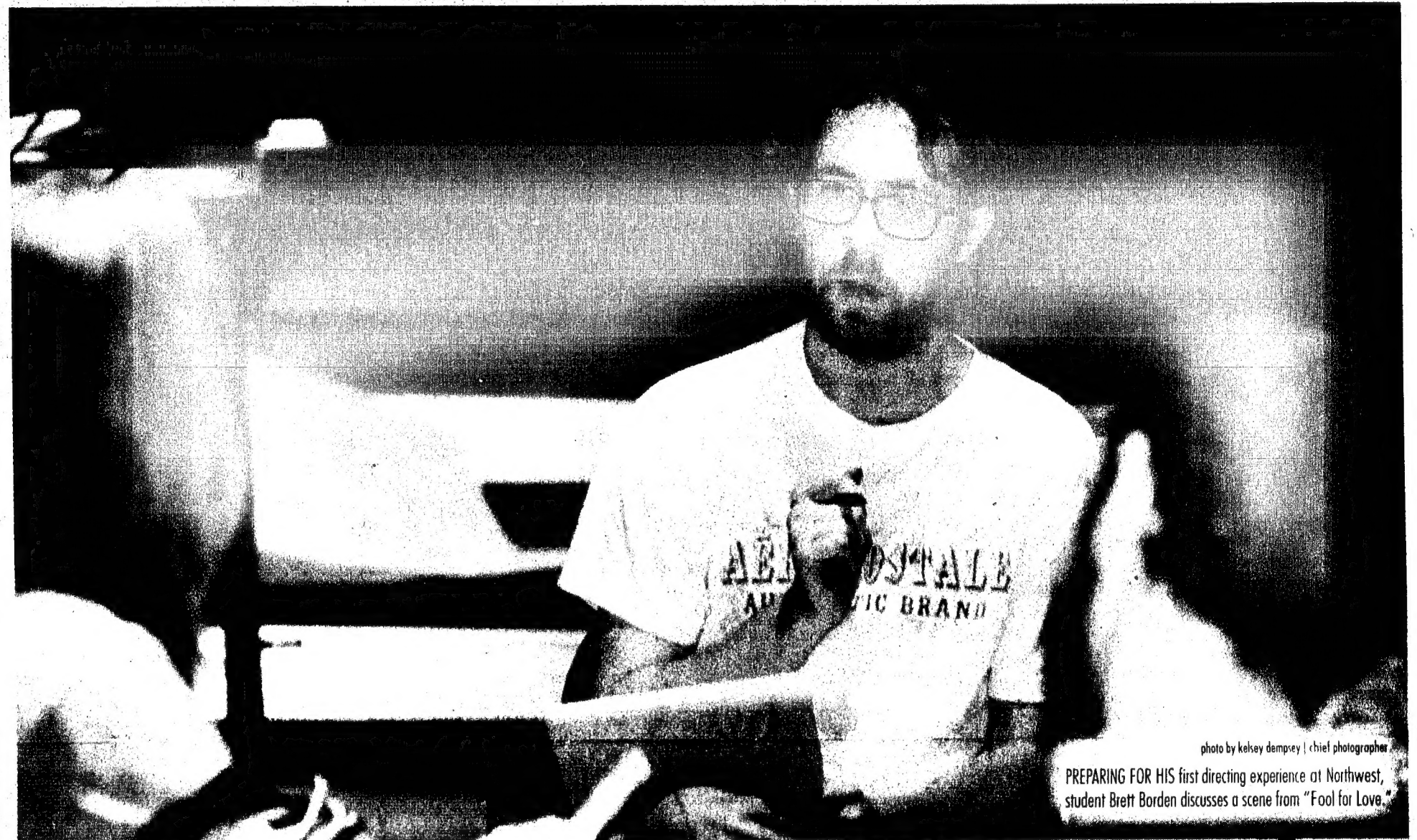


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PREPARING FOR HIS first directing experience at Northwest, student Brett Borden discusses a scene from "Fool for Love."

Setting the stage

Student's Northwest directing debut, 'Fool for Love,' opens this weekend in new studio theater by PAC

By Lindsay Jacobs
Copy Editor

At age 5 he played a munchkin in the "Wizard of Oz," he didn't know then he was well on his way to starting his career.

After involvement in more than 40 productions, Northwest student Brett Borden gets his chance to showcase his directing skills this weekend in the production "Fool for Love."

The production is about a couple deciding if they want to be together or apart.

"Acting has always really been what I like doing," Borden said. "Directing is something new, and it's always nice, that's the nice thing about theater, is there's always a new outlet, you can always find something else. Whether it's a new play, or whether it's directing this time or doing tech work this time."

"There's still many aspects that I have yet to explore, you're never done, you're always learning."

This isn't the first time Borden's worked with

"Fool for Love." Before Northwest, he attended Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, Iowa. In one of his classes he directed a portion of it for a class.

Since then he was always looking for an opportunity to be a part of the entire production.

He found the opportunity last spring when it came time to present a board formed by the theater department ideas for this year's theater productions. As a speech/education major he is required to direct a production before he graduates.

Borden was so passionate about "Fool for Love" he would have proposed it regardless of it being a requirement, he said.

Over the summer Borden and the rest of the technical crew e-mailed each other about once a month over the summer to suggest ideas and keep the production fresh in their mind.

Auditions for actors were held the first week of school. Rehearsal began Sept. 8.

The most important part of directing in Bor-

den's eyes is focusing on the actors and acting. The second most important thing to focus on is the technical aspects of the show, Borden said.

His directing strategies come from his mentor, Ron Hines. Borden met his mentor when he was about 12.

"(He is) a man that was in my community, that really became like my theater father, if that makes sense," Borden said. "Just learning from him, his directorial style, the way he was with people, the passion that he had for theater was all conveyed to me. I was in a lot of shows with him, directed a lot by him which helps see the style."

Borden also gets some of his directing strategies from courses he's taken in college and a one-act production in his community. In addition to his directing experience, he worked as an assistant stage manager, started a theater program for children in his hometown. His previous experiences help him today.

"Without experience you can't hope to put anything successful out," Borden said.

His favorite director is Hines because he was somebody he looked up to and learned from.

"(He is) someone who basically started with me from scratch and formed me pretty much into the person I have become," Borden said.

Borden helped start Leadership Through Drama in his hometown, Glenwood, Iowa, while he was freshman in high school. The program was designed to develop children's self-esteem. His mentor, Hines, was also involved in the program's creation.

At that point, he knew he wanted to pursue theater, but at the same time he wanted to work with and help children. Little did he know then, the combination of those two aspirations would become a career he's working toward today.

"It grew from there, and that's where I got my passion ... for teaching children and teaching theater. That segues directly into directing," Borden said.

The program is still going in Glenwood today, just on a smaller scale, Borden said.

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Corwin treats audience to wild animals, important lessons

By Shane Sherwood
Senior Reporter

The Charles Johnson Theater overflowed with people as Student Activities Council members began turning people away during Jeff Corwin's visit Monday night.

Anticipation grew with slow applause as the time crept to 7:30 p.m. Then a video played, highlighting some of Corwin's journeys. Then Corwin came on stage to roaring applause.

Conservationist Jeff Corwin performed with animals during a

jam-packed show. Corwin mixed comedy and education together to make his show, "Tales from the Field."

Corwin opened the show with a video including many outtakes from his TV show, "The Jeff Corwin Experience."

The Animal Planet personality knew he wanted to be a conservationist when he first found a snake in the middle of a pile of timber, he said during his lecture.

Corwin has visited about 60 countries, but admits he has stopped counting. He enjoys

taking the experience from traveling and handling animals as his favorite part of his job.

"I enjoy taking the experiences I have been through and tailoring it down into a program people can apply in their own lives," Corwin said.

His show contains many comedic moments that help draw in the audience, Corwin said.

"I was a class clown in school and I work on that skill because I believe when people laugh and have a good time, they drop their guard and are more open to learning," Corwin said. "I

think science should be something focused on not being perfect."

Comedy helps the audience connect to his show, he said.

"Humor helps people connect to my message more versus being very stale," Corwin said.

He grew up in an urban environment. In recent years, he moved to more of a rural area. The natural world has been his motivation his whole life.

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ANIMAL PLANET STAR Jeff Corwin makes audience members part of his presentation Monday evening at the Charles Johnson Theater.

BRIEFS

Vote for king and queen candidates

Vote for the 2008 king and queen candidates now until Friday. To vote enter CatPAWS and use the NwVote tab and use the On-line Ballot.

Judges wanted for Homecoming

"Lights, Camera, Bearcats," needs judges for the Homecoming Parade. Judges can be faculty or community members, but not students.

Anyone interested in judging the parade should contact Sarah Knudsen at s200675@nwmissouri.edu, Lais Pyfrom at s25755@nwmissouri.edu or call Campus Activities at 562-1226.

STUDY ABROAD

Time in Mexico enhances student's communication skills

By Shane Sherwood
Senior Reporter

Learning the language is easier when you are immersed in the culture.

Some Northwest students find this out firsthand. Devon Brown studied abroad during the spring 2008 trimester. If he could study abroad in Mexico again, he would definitely relive the knowledge.

Brown's first choice was Spain, but the program was full. His second choice was Mexico because he wanted to learn the language.

"I've always wanted to learn Spanish," Brown said. "Studying in Mexico helped me strengthen my communication skills."

Brown lived in Germany for three years, so he wanted to learn a different culture.

He wanted to see the differences from the European culture. Brown has traveled around Europe already and Mexico was a new experience.

One experience Brown will always remember from studying abroad is volunteering.

"I helped to build homes for some of the local people in Monterrey," Brown said. "It was a very rewarding experience to watch everyone come together and help each other out."

For Semanta Santa (Spring Break), Brown went to Acapulco.

Brown also visited Guanajuato, San Miguel and Queretaro.

"Climbing the mountains and the nightlife while I studied in Monterrey is an adventure in its own," Brown said.

The Mexican culture is very welcoming, Brown said.

"They like to make you feel that now you are in Mexico, and you are

taking an active role in learning their culture, you are a part of their culture," he said.

Brown continues to learn Spanish at Northwest. When he started studying at Monterrey, he was a beginner in speaking the language. Brown is now an intermediate Spanish speaker since his studies at Tecnológico de Monterrey.

There are many qualifications needed to study abroad through the University.

Studying abroad requires at least a 2.5 GPA, and the student must be full-time. The applicant must be in good academic standing, student Amanda Tinker said.

Tinker works in the Study Abroad Office. She has studied abroad and knows what needs to be done to study abroad.



NORTHWEST STUDENT DEVON Brown (left, kneeling) studied abroad during the spring 2008 trimester at Tecnológico de Monterrey in Mexico. Brown originally planned to visit Spain, but the program was full.

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LECTURE SERIES

Journalist kicks off lecture series, urges students, faculty to vote

By Lisa Houtchens
University News Editor

He was on Air Force One with President George W. Bush on Sept. 11, 2001, has covered Washington politics and policy makers and also worked as a White House congressional and general correspondent.

Every year the Campus Activities Office selects four distinguished lecturers to speak at Northwest. And despite the vice presidential debates taking place at the same time, many students attended the first distinguished lecture series of the year.

Jay Carney, "Time" magazine's Washington Bureau Chief took the stage last Thursday night to talk to Northwest students and faculty along with community members

about issues ranging from presidential candidates, the economic bailout and his time with past presidents.

Carney was introduced at the beginning of the lecture by Distinguished Lecture Series Liaison Wesley Miller.

Miller said Carney was different than other lecturers before because of his awareness of political issues and what the economy and nations is facing made him stand out, Miller said.

"He was a great speaker to enhance the image, I think, of



Jay Carney
Time Washington Bureau Chief

Sarah Palin it showed inexperience doesn't matter. However it is exactly what McCain says about Obama, Carney said. He also talked about the Obama campaign and how he does not have a lot of experience, but has the know-how to become the next

presidential election," Miller said. "He was very intellectual in world issues and nation issues."

Carney called McCain a "miracle candidate" and he has a good shot at winning the presidency, he picked when he was

president.

Carney urged the audience members to go out and vote because of the effects the winner has on everybody's future.

"It is crazy to think it doesn't matter if they vote," Carney said. "It affects us very much."

Carney stated he has never lost his political beliefs, but has voted for both parties in past elections, he said.

Carney spent much time with President Bush, and has many stories about his time with him. He said no matter what bold or rash moves Bush has made, he still has had a significant impact on the nation.

"Whether you love him or hate him," Carney said. "You can't say Bush hasn't mattered."

FIELDS OF FAITH

Organization members share beliefs

By Lisa Houtchens and Robert Wallace
University News Editor and Missourian Reporter

Three Northwest athletes shared their faith in Christ at campus, community and high school students at Bearcat Stadium.

"Fields of Faith" is an event held on the second Wednesday in October that involves Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The event is geared to challenge students to read the word and come to know Jesus Christ. Local FCA representative Wes Simmons said.

It is the first time an event like "Fields of Faith" has come to the University. Track and Cross Country Graduate Assistant Matt Pohren said. The event was brought to the University to bring the campus and community together to talk about their faith.

"This event is supposed to jolt and weigh on people's hearts," Pohren said. "People there are going to be people who have already been saved before, and some people will be making their very first attempt at this commitment."

The event was open to high school students in northwest Missouri, community members and college students. Having the event on a football field makes it easier for all attendants to relate to one

another, Pohren said.

"The event is all about finding a common ground," Pohren said. "People in general, students, everybody, finds it hard to become active in their faith."

The students giving their testimonies of faith will be challenging their classmates to read the word of God, Simmons said.

"They are real-life people giving real-life stories and testimonies of faith," Simmons said.

One of the students who spoke Wednesday evening was Zachary Weston, a former pitcher for the Northwest baseball team. Other students who spoke were track and field athlete Tierney Eaton, football player Jeremy Davis along with FCA representative Simmons.

When Weston was no longer able to play baseball, he placed his future and faith in God, he said. Weston told his story to students and the community to make them aware of the importance of getting into the word of God, he said.

"The challenge we are hoping to pose is for the community of Maryville to dust off their Bibles and read what it has to say," Weston said. "Many Christians in America don't even know what the Bible says except for John 3:16."

CITY BRIEFS

Search begins for 2009 Habitat for Humanity family

At 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Habitat for Humanity of Nodaway County begins the process of the 2009 Habitat house.

A meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church. Anyone interested in being the partner family should attend the meeting.

The selected family must reside in Nodaway County, able to repay the purchase price of the home through a 20-year, interest-free mortgage, and must partner with Habitat by helping with the construction of the home and attending home-ownership educational opportunities.

For questions, call 582-2530.

ELECTION

Unopposed candidate hopes to heighten client care

By Chris Lee
Community News Editor

A native of Hopkins, Mo., Diane Thomsen said she has what it takes to hold the position of Public Administrator. Thomsen is running unopposed for the position.

Thomsen has worked as a legal assistant for Strong and Strong for 24 years. She received her bachelor of science degree in office administration from Northwest in 1977. She married Mark Thomsen the following year. Thomsen and her husband have one daughter, Sara.

"They've been behind me 100 percent," Thomsen said.

Her friends and clients support her as well.

"A lot of clients have come in and said, that I would be great

in this position just because they know that I've got this background," Thomsen said.

Working for Strong and Strong, Thomsen has dealt with issues related to the position.

"We've had some dealings with the current Public Administrator, working on some files for her," Thomsen said.

"I knew she was going to retire, and I thought that would be a good niche for me because we do a lot of probate work and that type of guardian-



Diane Thomsen

ship work through this office."

Thomsen has a number of jobs in mind for the job. She would like to provide the best care possible for clients.

"One goal that I have is directly seeing the clients at least on a monthly basis, if not more," Thomsen said.

"You've got to see how they are being taken care of, if their physical needs are being taken care

"I think there is a need for the Public Administrator here," Thomsen said. "I think right now she has somewhere around 40 to 45 people that she takes care of right now in Nodaway County."

The Medicare and Medicaid side of the job are what Thomsen wants to learn the most about and concentrate on the most.

"I want to understand the Medicare system better and I know that they do that through the PA (Public Administrator) training," Thomsen said.

Thomsen would also like to make herself more knowledgeable about certain illnesses.

"Some of these people have different afflictions or illnesses and I'm hoping that I can read up on those so I can understand a little

bit more about why they might act a certain way or the side effects of that certain disease," Thomsen said.

Thomsen has been involved within the community outside of the office. She is a member of Today's Civic Women, Chamber of Commerce, attends First United Methodist Church and is a partner in "Fashion Chicks," a home-based jewelry/accessory business. She is also the second Vice President of Business and Professional Women.

Thomsen will continue to work for Strong and Strong, while holding the position of Public Administrator. She plans to open up the administrator office at the Strong and Strong location at 124 E. Third Street.

ELECTION

Treasurer hopeful thinks experience will win race

By Chris Lee
Community News Editor

A business man, Michael Striplin has held many different management positions throughout his lifetime. He now hopes to move into the Treasurer-Collector office.

Born in Kansas City, Striplin met his wife at a bowling alley. He married Gayla Newberry in 1995.

Striplin has worked for Toy's R Us, US Toys, National Papers and Ford Motor Company. Striplin has worked in business for more than 20 years.

"I like it," Striplin said. "I've met a lot of people. I've learned a lot of things about business. I've run almost every aspect of business that you possibly could."

Striplin was accepted to Northwest but ended up going to the University of Missouri in Columbia where he majored in



Michael Striplin

business management.

Striplin and his wife have two children, Katlyn, 9, and Jordan, 11. He also has a 17-year-old daughter from a previous marriage. The family owns and operates a kennel operation north of town on their 20 acres of land. They raise Yorkshire Terriers and have sold to some big names such as three major league pitchers, the President of Morocco, the road manager for the country duo of Brooks and Dunn and even Kix Brooks.

After moving to Maryville, Striplin began working at Northwest in the University's Purchasing Department.

"I love Northwest," Striplin said. "There are a lot of good people. I'm looking for new challenges. This is where I'm going to be, this is where I'm going to retire. Now it's time to become part of the community."

Striplin said he has seen the change the economy is going through and wants to implement new ideas to the treasurer's office.

"My opponent mentioned experience, she's right, I won't deny that," Striplin said. "I believe that I totally have that experience, being in the business world. Nodaway County is a business. The citizens are part of that business; they are what make it grow."

Taking the current treasurer's office and implementing a more electronic office is something Striplin believes in.

"I believe I can take that office and make it one that other offices look at, and that's how they want to do business," Striplin said. "I could make the treasurer's office one that other local governments and even state governments could say hey, that looks like a good template, let's go with that."

Striplin also noted that the transition into the new administration building will need to go smoothly.

"The treasurer and collector are cus-

tomers service oriented," Striplin said.

You've got to make it easier for the customer."

He said he wants to make the office more user friendly and enjoyable. No one likes to pay taxes, but you've got to make it as enjoyable as possible," Striplin said.

Striplin said his family members are strong supporters. His wife helps him with signs and posters. His in-laws have even given him a helping hand.

"I can't say enough about my family, they've been right there the whole time," Striplin said. "Friends too, people come out of the woodwork to help."

Striplin said there is a lot more than experience needed to run the treasurer-collector office.

"Experience is just a part of it, you've got to have leadership and vision," Striplin said. "You've got to be ready to take things to the future. You're not only trying to be in the office for the next four years, you're trying to set it up for the next million years."

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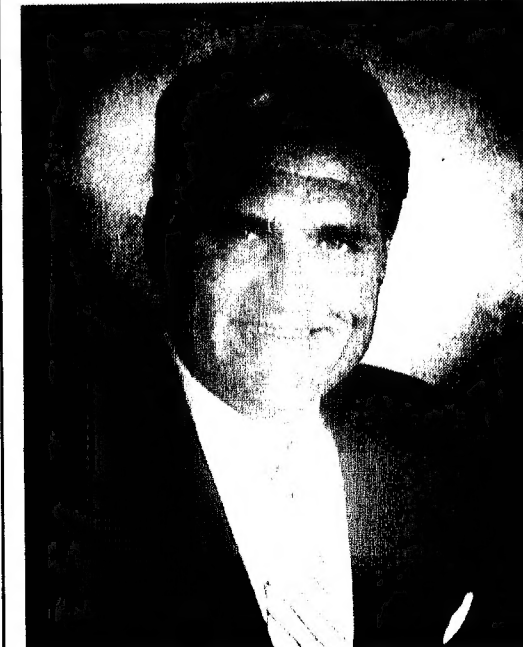
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"Americans have deliberately safeguarded our republic's ongoing vitality by containing political partisanship and limiting public indebtedness...[Returning to this tradition] won't happen just by trying to enact or repeal a few bills... Changing course will require educating leaders and then getting them to help educate voters. It will require encouraging young adults to get involved again in public life. It will require mobilizing national opinion. And it will require reversing broad shifts in civil habits and personal attitudes."
-Pete Peterson on the failure of American political leadership. Running on Empty (2004)



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Nodaway County and Our Nation Need New Leadership to Meet the Challenges of the Next Four Years

Why I Am a Candidate

Eight years ago I saw great opportunities to create a better society for us and future generations. Today too little progress has been made to develop those opportunities, while much greater challenges now lie before us.

We need leadership at the federal, state and local levels willing to study those challenges, to analyze the policy alternatives and develop new programs, and to then present to the voters the choices before them. Over the next three weeks in this newspaper I will discuss those challenges and opportunities, and explain how I would use the office of North District Commissioner to improve our community.

Why I Am Now a Democrat

Before beginning that discussion, I want to share with the voters my political philosophy and its evolution. I first took an interest in the political process as a youthful Goldwater Republican. My beliefs in liberty of conscience, limited government and fiscal responsibility remain the same. But as did the late Senator, I have come to see a greater role for government in meeting some needs of our society.

What I value most that I learned from Senator Goldwater is this: He believed that a candidate for public office should discuss issues and ideas, appealing to logic and reason rather than emotion; he trusted the intelligence of the voters to make the right decisions, and he thought the first duty of a candidate was to promote this type of political discourse. Those principles continue to guide me, as I believe they should all political candidates.

Ultimately I became a Democrat for the same reasons expressed by Jim Webb, a St. Joseph native who served in the Reagan defense department before his election to the Senate in 2006 as a Democrat. Explaining his change of parties, Webb cited his research for his history of the Scotch-Irish in America, *Born Fighting*, which led him to conclude: "The Democratic Party better represents the interests of the common man."

Biographical Summary

A native of Maryville, I attended Horace Mann School and then Maryville High. I am a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and attended law school at the University of Missouri - Kansas City. As a non-combatant, I served 16 months in Southeast Asia as an army medic, including five months in Vietnam. Before retiring to join our family farm operation in 1986, I was a partner in an oil production and development company. Presently I live in Green Township, and operate farms with my brother and mother in Atchison, Lincoln and Union townships. I believe my background and experience, together with my long-standing ties to the North District would make me an effective representative for its citizens.

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OUR VIEW

Biden wins on substance, Palin on style

Everybody wondered last week who won the vice presidential debate. It would seem no one can watch a debate to learn about the candidates, or to find out more about their policies and character. Everything is war.

When it came to the policy debate that took place Thursday evening, Joe Biden impressed. When it came to style, Palin sparked. After the initial shine wore off, however, audiences were left with little to impress.

Palin's performance left nothing to do but construct a bad drinking game. A shot for every time she called herself or McCain a "maverick." One whenever she refused to answer a question. Even these two scanty rules would result in inebriation.

Biden performed up to expectations. He managed to show a softer side through his tough exterior. Cynics will no doubt dismiss the show of emotion Biden exhibited when speaking of the loss of his wife as a hokey stunt. Stunt or not, it worked.

He called Palin on her more egregious mistakes, but knew when to back off, lest he be labeled a bully. All the while he maintained careful respect, always referring to her as Governor Palin and keeping his manner congenial and warm.

Palin wandered, half of her responses clearly memorized talking points (when in doubt, call McCain a "maverick" and claim Democrats are going to raise your taxes) and the rest were folksy maxims ripe for cross-stitch. She shone right through the fake responses and pancake makeup, but the picture was not pretty.

She accused Biden of being a "Washington insider," a claim that couldn't help but appear miscalculated as he glided through responses she tripped over. She accused Biden of being preoccupied with the past as he made obvious links between McCain and President Bush, wondering if we want a leader who so closely resembles the current president.

That would be like telling Hurricane Katrina victims to get over the fact FEMA failed them and left many of them to die. They should just get over it. After all, it's water under the bridge, or over. Nobody would ever say that to them; it's insulting and condescending to tell Americans not to remember the mistakes of the soon-to-be past administration, especially as we choose the next one.

As economic situations grow more and more dire, Palin's antics become less and less amusing. Her supporters are waiting for her to wipe off the lipstick and become a real contender for the White House. Whether she does may very well determine the outcome of this election.

CORRECTIONS

In the Oct. 2 issue of the Missourian, a brief about that night's Jay Carney lecture incorrectly stated the event would begin at 7:30 p.m. It was scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

In the Oct. 2 issue of the P.S. Art and Entertainment section, "Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down" incorrectly indicated Jeff Corwin's presentation would be that night. His program was Monday evening.

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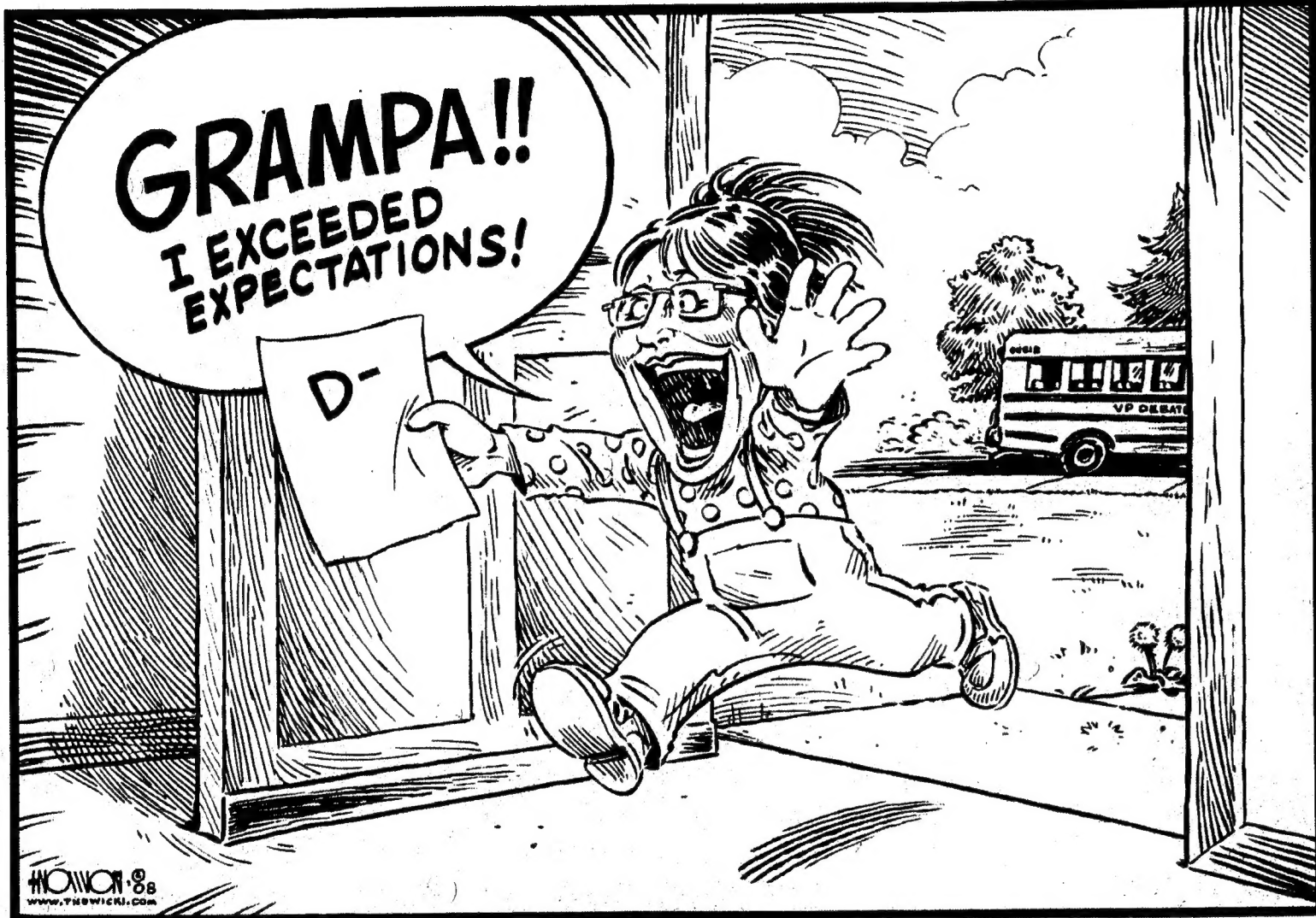
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MY VIEW

Palin's enthusiasm almost calls for ticket change

"Tie goes to the hockey mom," says Ruben Navarrette Jr., CNN.

Critics were almost positive Sen. Joe Biden would demolish Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin at the debate. They claimed she was "too rehearsed" and she would fumble when put in a debate with no script flashing on the teleprompter.

She proved them all wrong when she spoke clearly and concisely to the camera. Palin's performance at the debate was completely opposite of her running mate's performance.

While McCain was immature, rude and obnoxious, Palin came prepared, composed and calm. Both vice presidential nominees spoke

directly to each other and politely. All of this was unexpected from the overly decisive and outspoken hockey mom.

It almost seems like the tickets need to be switched up. Palin and Obama have the same eloquent, direct and forceful method of stating their objectives; whereas Biden and McCain have the same droning, unexciting and dismissive manner of speaking.

Palin and Obama are seen as exciting; Biden and McCain are the drones on their respective tickets.

Palin slightly redeemed the Republican ticket from McCain's poor performance

at the presidential debate. Biden put a small damper on the Democratic ticket since Obama's exhilarating win with McCain.

The vice presidential debate ended in being a tie; leaving critics of Palin with their jaws on the floor.



Darleen Denno
Contributing Columnist

MY VIEW

Tension between United States, Russia reminiscent of Cold War

It is apparent the state of tension between Russia and the United States is not alleviating in any way, and perhaps even worsening since the conflict between Russia and Georgia.

It isn't the tension in itself between the two countries that surprises me, but rather the point to which it has escalated. It is very reminiscent of another time and another conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union that is eerily similar to the situation we are experiencing today - the Cold War.

This conflict between the two countries is spilling over in other areas of state interest as well, most notably the six-nation Iran talks, which include the members of the United Nations Security Council P5 (China, Russia, the United States, Britain and France) and Germany.

Russia's threat to remove itself from the Iran talks over Iran's nuclear energy program is, essentially, Russia making a stance and saying it is by no means appropriate for the United States to continue with the level of isolation toward

Russia. It also makes a point to the United States that Russia is needed in regards to conflict and international issues.

And that's not all. It seems as though Latin America is a top Russian priority right now, and Russia is by no means being shy about its spending in the region.

With the United States leaving the relationship with Venezuela cold at best, it has allowed huge connections to be made between Venezuela and Russia, as well as with other Latin American nations. This is a means for Russia to help reduce U.S. influence in the international community and make a statement it is a world power not to be stepped on - and what a huge statement this is.

These connections Russia is making do not just stop at Venezuela either, but has touched Nicaragua as well as others in an effort to revamp and modernize the Latin



Kathleen Wilmes
Contributing Columnist

American countries' military, defense, and energy programs.

This is what is so strikingly similar to the Cold War. Russia is making connections with other countries, most notably Latin American countries, and increasing spending in these regions.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice comments on this

by pretty much stating as Russia becomes more aggressive, the country will become more isolated and irrelevant internationally.

However, I don't really think this will be the case when it comes to relevance. Russia is very much relevant in the international arena, and it is ridiculous for us to think Russia would take this lightly at all.

Russia might not be the biggest world power, but she is still powerful nonetheless.

I do not think this tension between the United States and Rus-

sia will ease anytime soon. I also think it will escalate, but hopefully not to the same degree as the United States and the Soviet Union's tensions during the Cold War era.

However, I feel this will hurt the entire stability of the international community, especially in regards to Iran and other situations that might arise similar in nature.

The United States and Russia are two leading members, and often clashing members, of the United Nations Security Council's Permanent 5. These two nations, along with the other three, lead the entire world and dictate international policies. These two nations set the direction and the pace on world issues.

Without one, as in the case of the Iran talks, or with these two countries clashing, things will not be as smooth as they once were, and not as much progress will be made.

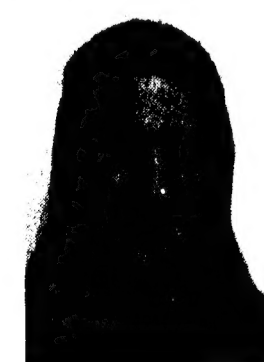
This tension does not just hurt the United States, nor does it just hurt Russia. This conflict between the two is affecting the entire international community.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Sept. 25

Austin P. Hiestand, 20, Maryville, minor in possession, 500 block of E. Third

Samaysia R. McKinzy, 17, St. Joseph, Mo., altered driver's license, under 19 in a bar, obstructing a public safety officer, 300 block of N. Market

Sept. 26

Fraud, ongoing investigation, 100 block of White Ridge

Rylan K. McCunn, 21, Maryville, property damage, 400 block of N. Main

Amanda R. White, 18, Maryville, minor in possession, failure to obey traffic signal, 400 block of N. Main

Sept. 27

Joshua L. Green, 21, Maryville, permitting a peace disturbance, 600 block of S. Walnut

Dallas A. Carter, 28, Maryville, permitting a peace disturbance, 1100 block of N. College

Sept. 28

Adam C. Emery, Parnell, Mo., excessive acceleration, 1100 block of S. Main

Disorderly conduct, ongoing investigation, 400 block of W. Halsey

Property damage, ongoing investigation, 1000 block of N. Country Club

Fraud, ongoing investigation, 200 block of E. Halsey

Sept. 29

Bryan R. Pitts, 21, Maryville, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, careless and imprudent driving, 600 block of E. Seventh

Sept. 30

Property damage, ongoing investigation, 600 block of N. Laura

Lost/stolen property, wallet, 1600 block of S. Main

George S. Garten, 66, Maryville, code violation, 900 block of W. Third

Disorderly conduct, ongoing investigation, 700 block of W.

Thompson

Timothy J. Mott Sr., 46, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, careless and imprudent driving, leaving the scene of an accident, 300 block of N. Main

Brian A. Roberts, 18, Maryville, driving while revoked, 1000 block of S. Main

Oct. 1

Danielle K. Deckard, 19, Maryville, failure to appear, 300 block of N. Mulberry

Khayree A. Darton, 29, Maryville, trespass, 1500 block of N. Main

Cameron G. Williams, 23, Maryville, driving while suspended, improper registration, 1800 block of S. Main

Roth J. Mallen, 21, Maryville, disorderly conduct, property damage, 700 block of W. Edwards

Oct. 2

Thomas G. Carleton, 20, Maryville, possession of fictitious driver's license, improper registration, 300 block of W. First

John T. Symonds, 58, Craig, Mo., failure to appear, 400 block of N. Market

Jason R. Lacy, 21, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain right half of roadway, 300 block of W. Thompson

Fire report, brush fire, 2600 block of S. Main

Oct. 3

Assault, ongoing investigation, 1000 block of East First

ACCIDENTS

Sept. 28

Mark D. Bacon, 45, Olathe, Kan., got into an accident at the intersection of U.S. Highway 71 and U.S. Highway 136.

Oct. 1

Tyler J. Wilson, 21, Maryville, cited with failure to yield, collided with Shelby G. Wright, 20, Maryville at the intersection of East Second and North Vine.

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GRANT: Classes for new program begin in fall 2009

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Different name, same facility

The CIE, located on the north side of campus, will serve as half business incubator and half academic facility. Three tenants - Carbolytic Materials Co. (CMC) of St. Louis, Practical Sustainability LLC of Chesterfield, Mo. and a still unnamed company - will lease the business incubator.

CMC, which also hopes to build a separate factory in Maryville, recycles tires to extract ApexCM, a "low-cost" alternative to carbon black, which "can be used in automotive, agricultural, construction and industrial-equipment applications," according to the company's Web site.

Practical Sustainability LLC is a consulting firm that works with health care facilities to reduce cases of staph infections, illnesses caused by antibiotic-resistant bacteria, often found in hospitals.

The idea behind the CIE is that students and faculty will have the opportunity to collaborate with the companies in their operations, in addition to their own studies, McAdams said.

Students will gain both scientific and real-

world experience, which could lead to internships and/or employment with the occupants, he said.

In addition, opportunities to work and study at the CIE could extend to students in other academic fields, such as business and computer science, McAdams said.

The \$24.4 million CIE is funded through Gov. Matt Blunt's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative, a state-sponsored plan that supports science and technology facilities at public colleges and universities in Missouri.

Initial funds arrived last fall after a long, political delay of the initiative in Jefferson City. Originally introduced in 2005 as the Center of Excellence in Plant Biology, the University's facility lost several prospective tenants in that field before reaching an agreement with CMC last October.

Though its name has changed, McAdams said the building's goal has remained the same.

"Life is a journey, and clearly this project is a journey," he said. "Where we were going all along was to have a facility that was part business incubator and part academic space. We're in great shape."

SCOOTER: Rides save gas

Continued from A1

Some students to buy scooters to save money on gas. Student Tony Jaspering decided to buy an oversized scooter two months ago to save money and gas mileage.

Jaspering also admitted he decided to buy a scooter because it is different from what most people drive.

"Driving on two wheels is a lot more of an adrenaline rush than driving on four wheels," Jaspering said. "You can get hurt easier, and you can feel you are moving faster than when you are in a car."

Missouri law states a scooter has to be less than three brake horsepower to qualify as a motorized bicycle, Jaspering said.

Helmets are not required when riding these types of scooters. Any scooter larger than this requires a helmet.

The city should have a law requiring a helmet while operating all scooters, Jaspering said.

"Scooters go fast enough that you can really hurt yourself if you happen to crash," he said.

Jaspering has not been in an accident, but he does wear a helmet and takes other precautions while driving his scooter.

For people interested in purchasing a scooter, Jaspering recommends it but advises riders to be careful while operating it.

Other students who live off campus do

not see the point in scooters, like graduate assistant Heather Schmitz.

"Scooters don't have practical use for me because walking is just as good," Schmitz said. "Most instances that I go are so short that paying \$900 to \$1,000 dollars would be a waste of my money when shoes are only \$30."

Schmitz said it should not be up to the city to require a helmet law for people who ride scooters. It should be up to the person to have enough common sense to wear a helmet.

"Most people who ride scooters have a license to drive a car, and at what risk are people smart enough to take it upon themselves to say, 'Well maybe if I don't want a head injury, I should probably wear a helmet,'" Schmitz said. "It should not be the city's responsibility to make that decision for them."

It should also be up to the scooter manufacturer to inform people who buy the scooters the hazards of not wearing a helmet or how head injuries can come about, Schmitz said.

"If people are smart enough to ride a scooter around, then they are smart enough to wear a helmet," Schmitz said.

Most people who use a scooter use it for lazy reasons, but it is the same way as people who drive across campus to class, Schmitz said.

"It is up to the person who buys the scooter, how they use it," Schmitz said.

OBITUARIES

Angelo Richard Rodriguez

Angelo Richard Rodriguez, 62, Burlington Junction, Mo., died Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008, at Citizens Memorial Nursing Home, Bolivar, Mo.

He was born Jan. 27, 1946 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Patrick Charles and Clara Rodriguez.

Angelo was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in Vietnam. He married Diana Louise Meggers on Feb. 14, 1970 in Buffalo, Mo.

He had been a custodian at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville for 12 years.

A member of St. Gregory Barbarigo Catholic Community in Maryville, Angelo also belonged to the O'Howell-Strader American Legion Post No. 102, Barnard, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his wife: Diana Rodriguez (Aug. 31, 2000); his parents; a brother, Joseph Rodriguez; and sister, Alice Pinto.

Survivors include his son: Michael Rodriguez, San Diego; daughters and sons-in-law: Denise and Kris Huchteman Bolivar and Andrea and Daniel McElroy, Camden Point, Mo.; six grandchildren: Brianna, Ian, Drayton, Matthew, Brett and Kayden; a brother: Patrick Rodriguez, Chicago; sisters: Mary Kray and Joyce Rodriguez, both of Phoenix; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was Oct. 4 at St. Gregory's Catholic Church, Maryville. Burial was in Workman Chapel Cemetery, Burlington Junction, Mo.

Military Services were conducted by the O'Howell-Strader American Legion Post No. 102, Barnard.

Robert Neal Patience

Robert Neal Patience, 92, Maryville, died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2008, at Lamoni Nursing and Rehab Center in Lamoni, Iowa.

He was born Dec. 12, 1915, in Imogene, Iowa to George and Cora (Wood) Patience and was a 1933 graduate of Shenandoah High School.

Robert married Velma Newberg on Aug. 23, 1937, in Shenandoah, Iowa, and he was employed with Earl May Seed Company. In 1947 they moved to a farm near Conception Junction, Mo. and had a dairy and field crop operation.

They moved to Maryville in 1966 and he was employed with Northwest Missouri State University's college farm. He was later employed with the Maryville R-II Public School District as maintenance supervisor and steam engineer until his retirement in 1980.

Robert was a member of the Men's Forum, the Picking Lions Club and Maryville Community of Christ Church, where he held the office of teacher.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Velma, brothers: Floy, Kenneth, Donald and infant brother Gerald and sisters: Dortha Shoemaker and Gladys Patience.

Robert is survived by his daughter Carolyn (Jon) Burchfield, Lamoni, Iowa; son Robert W. (Jean) Patience, Booneville, Mo.; brother Russell Patience, Shenandoah, Iowa; sisters: Hazel Younger, Los Angeles; Lois Knowlton, Temple City, Calif.; Evelyn Hird, San Diego; five grandchildren: Mark (Nicole) Patience, Greg (Jennifer) Patience, Lisa (Jeff) Burns, Jeffrey (Christine) Burchfield and Kendall Burchfield; and six great-grandchildren: Thomas and Carolyn Burchfield; Kassi and RJ Burns; Nicholas and Matthew Patience.

Funeral Services were Oct. 6 at Community of Christ Church, Maryville.

Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery Shenandoah, Iowa.

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Sinking consumer confidence casts shadow over economy

By Kevin G. Hall
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON (MCT) — A new measure of consumer confidence released Wednesday finds that Americans are pessimistic about their economic futures.

The RBC Cash Index, conducted by pollster Ipsos Public Affairs, found that 64 percent of people think it's likely that they or someone they know will lose their job in the next six months. Only 35 percent said that wasn't likely. That's a big indicator that consumers will be spending less

in the weeks ahead. "If the probability of having (your job) is decreased, you're not going to be spending a lot of money," said Clifford Young, a senior vice president for Ipsos. "People are going to cut their spending."

Some 69 percent said they're less comfortable about making a major purchase such as a home or car now than they were six months ago, and 67 percent said they feel the same discomfort about making other household purchases.

That casts an immediate shadow over the economy, since

consumer purchases power about two-thirds of U.S. economic activity.

However, there was some light amid the gloom. Some 31 percent said they expect their local economy to be stronger in six months, while 27 percent said they expect it to be weaker. And 35 percent expected their personal financial situation to be stronger in six months, while only 14 percent said weaker.

The nationwide poll of 1,000 adults was conducted Oct. 2-6 and carried a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

DIRECTOR: 'Fool' cast 'exceptional'

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In the future, Borden wants to be a high school speech and theater teacher.

"This experience (student directing) has really enlightened me ... on directing and I'm thinking that it's maybe something I'm more interested in than I was before," Borden said.

He hadn't considered his interest in directing growing.

"You always think I'm not talented enough to put a show together, really nicely. (I) might have something here," Borden said.

After he played a munchkin in the "Wizard of Oz" he participated in theater only occasionally until he was in fifth grade when he toured with the Nebraska Theater Caravan on the East Coast Tour.

"That was really when the light bulb came on for me," Borden said.

In the 40 plus productions

he's participated in, Borden has mainly acted, but also held roles on the technical side of some productions.

When it comes to theater, Borden can't think of any aspect he doesn't like.

"Of course the work is hard, but that's with anything you do. I don't dislike the work, I like working," Borden said.

Borden calls the cast and crew working on the production exceptional because they work hard and are dedicated.

Katie Lee plays May in the production, and said Borden is different than any other director she's worked with.

"I've only had three other directors, and some of them say 'This is exactly how I want it,' and he just let us play with it ... and as our characters started to develop helped us to make bold choices," Lee said.

Lee will direct a production next trimester and plans to use some techniques she picked up from Borden.

Stage manager Casey Andrews notices Borden encourages the actors to try new things to form their character.

"He's the first director I've ever worked with, so I don't really have anything to compare him to ... he has some things in mind, but for the most part he likes to see the actors play with different things. It's the first day of production week and he's telling the actors to try new things still. He wants them to really develop their characters on their own."

"Fool for Love" will be the first performance in the newly built Performing Arts Center Studio Theater.

"It's a huge honor to me to be able to be in there," Borden said. "To be the first ever test-run in there is a huge deal, and I just so appreciate Theatre Northwest giving me the opportunity and trusting me enough with that responsibility."

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Studio Theater, located next to the PAC.

CORWIN: Audience part of show

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Corwin had the opportunity to work with animals most kids don't get the chance to work with. At a young age, he has worked with falcons and turtles and helped them recreate their shells using fiberglass.

He visited his first rainforest when he was 16. He first visited the Amazon at 18.

"There was an incredible chaos of life there," Corwin said. "Now, as a 41 year-old man to be able to take my own kid out there and relive that adventure through her eyes gives me a new lease on discovery."

He hopes people feel more connected to animals through the enjoyable entertaining process, and hopes people collected information they can use in their own lifestyles.

When he was first featured in a documentary, he knew doing a television show was the best thing to do, he said.

"The light bulb just clicked on and I knew that's what I wanted to do," Corwin said. "I spent three or four years trying to make it happen. I was just trying to keep on that wave for 13 years now."

Corwin said he believes many exotic animals are not living in their native ecosystems where they should be living.

"Overall, wild animals should be in captivity for very legitimate conservation-focused reasons,"

Corwin said.

The bottom line of the lecture that he hopes everyone gets is everyone can make a difference, Corwin said.

"We have reached a point on our planet where many species are being pushed to the brink of extinction and their survival or their extinction would be our responsibility," Corwin said. "If you are not willing to protect our species in a manner that will increase the manner of our lives and our lifestyle, then do it for the next generation of human beings."

The world loses one species every 20 minutes, Corwin said.

Among the people in the audience, student Mat Hoosier sat in the front row to see one of his idols, he said.

"For most of the work he has done and the knowledge base that he has, that makes him an idol," Hoosier said. "He has done a lot of conservation projects that have made a big difference in the world."

Corwin put the lecture into words all people could understand, Hoosier said.

Most biologists use the scientific names of the animals, but Corwin uses the common names.

More people can relate to that because they have heard the animals' common names, Hoosier said.

Corwin didn't use large scientific words to discuss the different

parts of the body. Instead, he used common terms that most people can already relate to, Hoosier said.

Hoosier was one of the few to interact with Corwin onstage. He was chosen to be onstage to help talk about the American Alligator.

"I have held an alligator before, but I had never held one up like that before," Hoosier said. "It was interesting how difference the experience that was for me. He's helping to get the information out to the people, which is possible the biggest part of it. The public needs to know about a lot of this."

Most people should learn about an animal before they fear it, Hoosier said.

"People fear the unknown, and what people fear they kill. That's why a lot of the species are being killed off," Hoosier said. "The more you understand about an animal the more you learn about its habits. You learn it's not a mindless killing machine."

Corwin's advice for people wanting to go into a career involving animals is by following their own path.

"If there is any inspiration to come from this (my) story is that a pretty regular person like myself can have that unique life experience," Corwin said. "If you can combine a passion and a fascination and an interest with an occupation that is a very special situation to be in."

MEXICO: Country's culture 'welcoming'

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"First you must meet with the Study Abroad Office to see your options for your major or country choice," Tinker said. "Then you must research the different opportunities and pick a program."

Once the applicant has completed these steps, they are ready to fill out an application.

"You must fill out the form along with the program application," Tinker said. "Then you must meet with your adviser to discuss class options and get a passport."

About 150 students from the University study abroad each year.

For more information on the Study Abroad program, visit the office in the International Cultural Center in the J.W. Jones Student Union or call 562-1367 to make an appointment.

SPORTS

NW FOOTBALL



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DEFENSIVE END TYLER Northway flings Pittsburgh State quarterback Mark Smith to the ground during Northwest's 35-10 victory over the Gorillas Saturday. Northway registered four tackles.

Ranked opponents keep coming

By Marcus Meade
Sports Editor

If it seems like the Bearcat football team is facing good team after good team after good team, it's because they are.

For the third week in a row, No. 5 Northwest will face a ranked opponent. Saturday's game against No. 17 Central Missouri marks the first time in the team's history facing three nationally-ranked opponents in a row.

"This year they've really played really well," Tjeerdsmas said. "They've

been pretty consistent, more consistent this year. They've been very consistent on offense especially."

Quarterback Eric Czerniewski has led the Mules to a 5-1 start throwing 18 touchdowns and one interception. Central Missouri's only loss was a 49-28 defeat at the hands of Pittsburg State in Pittsburg (Kan.).

Czerniewski and the Mules utilize short passes to lower the possibility of turnovers, Tjeerdsmas said.

"You have to fill in all the zones," Tjeerdsmas said. "Hopefully, you can get enough pressure on him to make him hurry and maybe somebody can

step in front of one of those and pick one off."

To stop the short passing game, the 'Cats must play the type of team defense they've displayed in the last three games, linebacker Evan Wilmes said.

In its last three contests, Northwest's defense has surrendered a total of 10 points.

Personally, Wilmes noticed a change in the way his fellow defenders trust each other and learn to play their own roles within the defensive scheme.

"I think we're playing together a

lot more," Wilmes said. "It's just you play for each other. You start to trust the young guys. I'd say it's because the young players are stepping up and filling the roles they're supposed to fill. Now, we're having fun, and having fun is good defense."

The Mule offense averages 37 points per game this season, but the 'Cats managed to shut down two powerful offenses previously, Nebraska-Omaha and Pittsburg State. Nebraska-Omaha was averaging over 40 points before the 'Cats

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JOEL OSBORN



By Whitney Keyes
Managing Editor

Some athletes live their victories boldly. They cherish the moments that were bigger than life, the moments that define their careers. Several choose to cling to their glory days, looking at the Kodak moments of their youth, the big catch, the big goal, the big block. Others use victories as bragging rights, a chance to strut their stuff.

Joel Osborn has racked up the stats, but instead of proclaiming his achievements, he's a quiet quarterback. Rather than focus on his past accomplishments, he chooses to take advantage of every opportunity given.

"I think I'm a leader, someone who makes plays when things break down. I try to manage the game and not do anything stupid," he said. "It all comes down to being the man in the moment, taking that opportunity."

Osborn has had his fair share of being in the moment. He was a triple threat - a successful quarterback, shortstop and pointguard. One of roughly 150 students at Harlan Community High School, Osborn won three state titles - the Cyclones reigned as champions in baseball his junior year and in football and basketball his senior year. Even when the team wasn't on top, they were close. His sophomore year, the team placed second in the state tournament for football, as well as placing second in basketball his junior year.

The 2004 Iowa Athlete of the Year has now contended for three national titles as a collegiate football player, and is setting his sights high for this December.

"He's a winner. He's been a winner his whole life," said Northwest head football coach Mel Tjeerdsmas. "He knows how to win, he expects it and he sets up for it."

But before the stadium lights and ESPN showtimes, Osborn was just a small-town Iowa kid playing football with his brothers. The three

Osborn boys, Joel, Kevin and Zach were always playing sports; afternoons were spent shooting hoops, playing catch or riding motorcycles at his grandfather's house, he said.

"I broke my thumb once riding motorcycles at his house ..." he said, sheepishly smiling. "I guess that kinda ruined Easter Sunday."

In sixth grade, Osborn started playing organized football, starting as a quarterback for a flag football team. He continued playing quarterback throughout his career never really playing any other position.

But, even in his rough and tumble days playing football in junior high and after school, Osborn wanted to be in the NBA after college. The son of a basketball coach with nearly 500 wins, Osborn has been playing basketball since he was born, he said.

In addition to being the head basketball coach for Harlan Community High School, Osborn's dad, a Northwest alumnus, is also the activities director. His mom, Nancy is the head nurse at the school.

"You definitely have to behave," Osborn said of having both parents work at his high school. But, when it comes to playing basketball for his dad, "it was a good experience. He was always harder on me, of course, but it made me stronger mentally and able to handle more pressure."

In a powerhouse football program such as Harlan's, there was plenty of pressure to succeed. But for Osborn, the pressured games are the fun ones, he said. And the pressure taught Osborn to just "go in there and grab the bull by the horns."

His go-getter attitude is something his parents never specifically taught him, he said, but nonetheless instilled in him. He knows how to spot opportunities offered to him, and he's not one to let them pass by.

"About a year or two ago we started calling him the General because he always tries to take command," Northwest fullback Brant Grogg said. "It's like he's leading the troops into battle."

See **OSBORN** on B2

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MHS FOOTBALL

Maryville suffers first loss

By Christopher Woodland
Community Sports Editor

Maryville lived and died by the legs of seniors Adam Mattson and John Farmer in its fight to become the first Maryville team to defeat Chillicothe two years in a row.

Farmer and Mattson scored every touchdown for the Spoofhounds Friday night, but Mattson had an extra point blocked and missed a field goal late in the fourth quarter in the 'Hounds' 28-27 loss to the Hornets.

Maryville took possession on its own 15-yard line down 28-27 with 8:28 left in the game. Three runs apiece by Farmer and Mattson, and one nine-yard quarterback keeper by senior Joe Jasinski moved 'Hounds to first and 10 at the Hornet 30-yard line.

From there, a delay of game penalty moved Maryville back five yards and the Spoofhound offense would not produce another first down in the game.

"The penalty down there that made it first and 15 was probably the key difference, because that kind of stalled that drive," head coach Chris Holt said.

On fourth and 10, Holt sent Mattson out to attempt a 46-yard game-winning

field goal.

"At that point, I don't know what we had in our playbook, because they had a pretty good scheme they were doing," Holt said. "Mattson's made 60-yards before in practice. If I'm going to put my game in the hands of a kid, who better than No. 32?"

The 'Hounds had one more chance, but a precision punt by Chillicothe pinned Maryville on its own four-yard line with one timeout left.

Maryville's last gasp was snuffed out when the Hornets prevented Mattson from converting a fourth down reception with 45.3 seconds remaining.

The 'Hounds came back from 14-point deficits twice in the game but could never manage to gain a lead in the contest.

Maryville fell behind 14-0 in the first quarter before Farmer found a seam up



photo by Seth Cook | chief photographer

SENIOR RUNNING BACK Adam Mattson stiff arms a Chillicothe defender allowing him to turn upfield in Friday's 28-27 loss.

the middle and returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown.

Less than two minutes later, Farmer produced another huge play. He snuck behind two Chillicothe defenders and hauled in a Jasinski pass, racing 80 yards to set up an 11-yard touchdown run by Mattson. The two teams finished the first quarter tied at 14.

See **LOSS** on B3

NW TENNIS

Tough ITA tournament prepares team for spring

By Brian Bosiljvac
University Sports Editor

The women's tennis team felt it might receive tough competition last weekend in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association tournament, and it did.

Only two Bearcats made it past the first round in the singles tournament. Only one doubles team made it to the second round for Northwest.

"Because of the combining of the two regions (South and Central) it was very tough,"

The only other 'Cat victory came at the hands of freshman Erika Leston. She defeated East Central's Angelita Deudamo in the opening round of the singles tournament.

"From what I have seen so far she (Leston) is a good player," Rosewell said. "Of course, being a freshman she

down Tarleton State's duo of Jade Charlott and Adriana Jaskova 6-4, 4-6, 10-2.

Rosewell said he believes Pendrak improved tremendously since the summer and expects her to only improve as the off-season progresses. As a junior he looks toward Pendrak to help lead the team.

"Hopefully I can be successful in the spring," Pendrak said. "I want to do well, obviously I don't want to be bad. I just hope all of the hard work we put into the off-season will pay off."

"Our assistant coach, Jake Saulsbury, plans on getting us in the weight room during the off-season," Pendrak said. "Hopefully then we will be in better shape and can compete better in longer matches. I personally plan to work on hitting as much as I can and try to be better than anyone else."

is lacking in experience, but she is hard worker. I can see her having a good future at Northwest."

Now that the ITA is over, both the men and women's tennis teams will begin their off-season training, preparing for the spring.

Rosewell believes for the team to have a successful spring it must improve its doubles play and stay mentally tough during singles. He hopes the team will play some of its best tennis during March and April.

SOCCER

Women topple top-5 Mavericks

By Christopher Woodland
Community Sports Editor

Now 11 games into the 2008 season, the Northwest soccer team is within reach of accomplishing its goal of becoming the best soccer team in program history.

The Bearcats earned their first victory over a Top-5 ranked team ever when they defeated No. 4 Nebraska-Omaha 2-1 last Saturday. Sophomore forward Kelsey Sanders' unassisted goal in the 69th minute gave the 'Cats the lead, which they never relinquished.

"I just wanted to get it on target," Sanders said. "Against a good team like that, you don't get very many chances like that."

Sanders' performance earned her MIAA offensive player of the week honors.

For some members of the team from Omaha, the game takes on a more personal meaning.

Before the game, Omaha native Holly Ramaeeker made remarks about disliking UNO and wanting to "make them cry," and is glad they got the win over her hometown university.

"This was such a big game for Holly and Sara (Meldinger)," Sanders said. "Holly still hasn't stopped congratulating me on scoring that goal. It feels pretty good."

Also in the game, junior forward

Rikki Southard ended the 'Cats' offensive woes by scoring following an Andrea Tritz corner-kick.

Prior to Southard's goal, opponents had held the 'Cats scoreless in their last three games.

"We practice corner kicks a lot," coach Tracy Hoza said. "Against UNO, you've got to be really aggressive and set plays and attack the ball."

With one more win, the 'Cats (7-3-1) will tie the team single-season win mark set in 2006.

In order to accomplish that this week though, they must do it on the road, something Hoza doesn't see a problem pulling off.

"One of our strengths is now playing on the road," Hoza said. "We enjoy playing on the road. We have taken three on the road so far and our goal is to take more this week."

Their first attempt at tying the record comes tonight at Washburn. The Lady Blues (6-5-1) enter the game on a two game winning streak. The streak includes wins over Rockhurst University and Missouri Southern.

Washburn has only played one game this season that was not decided by one goal.

Prior to Saturday's win, Northwest was just 1-3 in games decided by one goal and hadn't won since Sept. 18. The 'Cats hope the UNO win will carry over

BEARCATS

SCORE BY QUARTER

(5-1) 0 7 3 0 — 10



(5-1) 7 14 0 14 — 35

TEAM STATISTICS

Northwest	Pittsburg
456	Total yards
71	Total plays
193	Rushing yards
71	Rushing attempts
0-0	Fumbles-lost
263	Passing yards
29	Passing attempts
3-20	Sacks-yards
21-29-2	Comp-Att-Int
2-97	Punts-yards
6-4	Off. yards per play
25	First Downs
8-50	Penalties-yards
2-29	Int-yards
9 of 12	Third downs
0 of 1	Fourth Downs



SENIOR MIDFIELDER HOLLY RAMAECKER attempts to steal the ball from Washburn midfielder Keeley Lambeth in last year's O-2 loss. The Lady Blues host the Bearcats tonight at 7 p.m.

into other tough match-ups.

"It's a confidence booster," Sanders said. "We know we're a good team, but sometimes it just hasn't gone in our favor. Hopefully we will get back on track and show people what a good team we are."

Emporia State (3-7) also awaits a visit

from the Bearcats this week. Emporia State lost its last four matches, and seven of its last eight. The only conference win for the Hornets this season came against Missouri Western 1-0 on Sept. 18.

The Washburn game begins at 7 p.m. tonight, and Northwest plays Emporia at 2 p.m. Saturday in Emporia, Kan.

RANKED: Defense shows many fronts

Continued from B1

shut them out in Omaha.

If the 'Cat defense does its job in shutting down the Mules, scoring on a Central Missouri defense that's allowed over 24 points a game should be easier.

'Cat quarterback Joel Osborn has a chance to turn the Mule secondary which gives up more than 285 yards a game through the air.

"Central uses a lot of different fronts," fullback Brant Gregg said. "They'll run a 3-4-4-3, 4-2, and I think we can do some alignment things and try to maybe catch them in a look that they wouldn't necessarily want to be in."

Gregg saw action against Nebraska-

Omaha and Pittsburg State after returning from injury and even earned the ball four times for 28 yards.

"That was fun," Gregg said of running the ball. "I like watching LaRon run too, but a carry here and there is a nice thing to enjoy. Maybe it gives me a chance to show I'm not a one-trick pony."

After defeating the Gorillas, the 'Cats climbed two spots in the national rankings and placed third in the first regional rankings of the season behind West Texas A&M and Abilene Christian.

The 'Cats can make a case for climbing higher when they take on the Mules at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Warrensburg.

OSBORN: Work ethic makes quarterback a winner

Continued from B1

Gregg and Osborn are two of five players remaining from their recruiting class. He attributes the drop off to all the hard work it takes to play for Northwest. Osborn's work ethic though, Gregg said, is "second to none."

However, his storytelling abilities could use some work, Gregg said.

His favorite memories of Joel are just of bus rides with him when he tells these stupid stories that he thinks are funny, and they're not."

Gregg described Osborn as laid-back, able to laugh along with the team, but he also "uses his talent to his full ability."

Osborn hopes to someday use his talents to teach and coach. After graduation in December, the math education major will attend graduate school at Northwest and work toward his master's in athletic administration. He's not sure what level he wants to work at, college

or high school, but he definitely wants to teach.

"Off the field, my greatest accomplishment is probably student teaching last semester. That moment when the light bulb goes off in a student's mind, that's great," he said.

Osborn worked at Jefferson High School, a school of roughly 50 students. He worked with one eighth grade class, two freshmen classes, one sophomore class and one junior class, teaching algebra basics and various other classes.

He said the students didn't see him as a star football player, even though football was obviously a huge part of his life.

"Truthfully, I hope my greatest accomplishment is yet to come," he said. "I want to be remembered as a quarterback that led Northwest to a national title. I want to show people we can win doing things the right way."

CROSS COUNTRY

Returners help in Stillwater

By Jason Lawrence
Missourian Reporter

Two of the Bearcats' top three runners returned from injury helping Northwest finish in the top half of the field at the Cowboy Jamboree.

Freshmen Angela Adams and Brittany Poole helped the Bearcats finish 11th out of 26 teams in Stillwater, Okla.

Coach Scott Lorek said the impact of having Adams and Poole back from injury was beneficial to the team.

"We ran cautiously and tentatively because it was their first race since the Bearcat Open, and this was a huge meet," Lorek said. "It was important to have them back; they're a huge benefit to the team and are just outstanding as freshmen."

Adams paced the Bearcats by finishing 43rd out of 218 runners in 20 minutes and 19 seconds, 15 seconds faster than her time in the Bearcat Open. Poole placed 49th (20:33) and improved her 5K time by 24 seconds.

This was the first time Northwest competed at Oklahoma State since 2004, when they finished fourth out of 17 teams. Sophomore Kayli Hrdlicka was overall pleased with the team's finish.

"We expected a lot from ourselves in Oklahoma," Hrdlicka said. "We got there and let the course get the best of us, but it wasn't a bad meet and we're happy we were able to finish in the top half."

Six Northwest women finished the Cowboy Jamboree in Stillwater, Okla. in under 21 minutes.

Sophomore Mary Jantz also improved her time and finished four seconds behind Adams in 45th place. Senior Maggie McManigal finished in 51st place (20:35) while sophomores Jessica Nichols (66th place, 20:54) and Madison Marshman (67th place, 20:59) rounded out the Bearcats finishing the Jamboree in under 21 minutes. All of the runners saw improvements in their 5K times.

The men's cross country had the weekend off. Sophomore T.R. Pursell said the break was good for the team.

"It really helped us to see where we are at without having to compete against anyone," Pursell said. "It also gave us time to allow our bodies to relax and recover."

Pursell was out with an injury for the last meet, but thinks the next meet will be a good indicator of where the team is. It will give him a chance to sharpen up and hone his racing skills before the MIAA Championships, he said.

"Having T.R. back will make us better," Lorek said. "The men's team is coming along really well."

Both teams travel to Kearney, Neb. to compete in the Loper Open on Saturday before the MIAA Championships on Oct. 25 in Warrensburg, Mo.

Hrdlicka and Pursell are optimistic about their team's chances in the championships.

"No team is that much better than us, unless they have something up their sleeves that we don't know about," Pursell said.



RUNNING BACK LARON COUNCIL prepares to take on a Pittsburg State defender. Council shined in the Fall Classic with 144 yards and four touchdowns.

GOLF



NORTHWEST WOMEN'S GOLFER Sarah Hayes knew the course well when the Bearcats hosted the Bearcat Invitational last weekend. Hayes, a sophomore from Maryville, finished 31st with a score of 188 in two rounds. Sophomore Jessica Feuerbach led the 'Cats with a score of 175 and finished 13th. As a team, Northwest managed a fifth place finish in their only home tournament of the fall season.

SPOOFHOUNDS

SOCCER

Boys hurt by ball control

By Dustin Sander
Assistant Sports Editor

The Maryville boys' soccer team fell to Benton Monday in wet and dreary conditions.

Benton beat the Spoofhounds 3-1 during an on and off again down pour at Donaldson-Westside Park to drop Maryville's record to 8-7.

The boys suffered from a case of the Monday's, coach Stuart Collins said.

"I hate Monday games," Collins said. "Traditionally we don't do well on Monday games there's too much of a stretch from our last practice to our game. There were attempts to do what we wanted. There's so many things that we just weren't clued in on tonight that I don't even know where to begin. I'll just say that we're going to play better on Thursday."

Benton scored early in the first half and the game went into halftime 1-0. The 'Hounds came out in the beginning of the second half with energy and freshman forward Ryan Vandivert put the ball off Benton's goalkeeper's shoulder into the goal.

The 'Hounds soon lost their intensity and Benton answered with two unanswered goals to end the wet game 3-1.

"We weren't focused on the way we practiced," junior defender John Morton said. "Our practice was good but I think the rain made a big difference. It made it hard to stay focused ... The rain lowered our morality and with it being wet it made it a lot harder to kick."

The game taking place on Monday and the wet and windy conditions weren't the only reasons the 'Hounds fell to Benton.

"We had no ball control," Collins said. "We didn't have any intensity in 80 minutes, except the first minute of the second half. Other than that, it was hard to watch to be honest. They didn't really come out to play, the intensity wasn't there. All we worked on was ball control the last practice and short touches which is our game and there wasn't a lot of it there today for us and it hurt."



FRESHMAN MIDFIELDER CHRIS Holman crosses the ball in the wet conditions Monday during a 3-1 loss to Benton. The Spoofhounds play again today against Savannah.

Collins and Morton hope for the 'Hounds to get their season back on track.

"We need to raise our intensity and focus a lot more," Morton said. The 'Hounds will get their chance to get back on track against Savannah at 4 p.m. today, at Donaldson-Westside Park.

"We're going to start with the basics again (Tuesday) and emphasize what our game is," Collins said. "Just keep working and I've got to remember they are so young ... so just keep building on it and make it positive for them and make sure it happens in the right direction and keep working to the next game."

Loss: 6-0 Savages ahead after season's first loss

Continued from B1

"On the front of the offensive scouting report this week, our number one goal was to make big plays," Holt said. "We definitely made big plays. They just made one more."

Chillicothe built a 28-14 half-time lead, they would not relinquish it.

"I was definitely mad at myself," senior John Schreck said. "I thought about a lot of the little things that maybe I could have done better to change the outcome

of the game."

The Hornets out-gained the Spoofhounds 413 to 358 in the game, including 256 yards rushing.

Mattson led the 'Hounds' ground attack with 121 yards and two touchdowns. Farmer accumulated 151 yards rushing and receiving, and two touchdowns.

Jasinski completed five-of-seven passes for 170 yards. Schreck caught one 66-yard pass that set up Mattson's second

rushing touchdown.

Schreck also led the defense with seven tackles. Zach Sherry had six and Evan Johnson and Jasinski finished with five each.

Savannah awaits the Maryville with a 6-0 record. Holt thinks this will actually help his team avoid the slump many teams fall victim to the week after a hard-fought game.

"I wouldn't think the game would rank up there with a rivalry like Chillicothe, but for the com-

munity, the Savannah-Maryville game has been important for a long time," Holt said. "I think this is the perfect game to have this week under the circumstances."

Schreck is ready to put the Chillicothe loss behind him, and get back to winning.

"Savannah's 6-0, and it's going to be a tough game," Schreck said. "We're going to have to come out ready to play."

Maryville plays at 7 p.m. Friday, in Savannah.

SOFTBALL

19-1 team ready for districts

By Dustin Sander
Assistant Sports Editor

The Maryville softball team will attempt their district championship run in St. Joseph today.

The Spoofhounds finished their regular season with a 19-1 record last Thursday with a 2-0 victory over North Platte. Senior pitcher Megan Walker recorded her second no-hitter of the season and sophomore Molly Stiens had a homerun in the game.

"I am very pleased with how each girl found a way to step up and do their part," coach Jacqui Conn said. "Everyone has found a way to eagerly contribute, and that is what I am most proud of this season."

However, the 'Hounds will not celebrate their great season for very long.

"It's exciting to have gone 19-1," Walker said. "But now, it's all behind us our record is 0-0 right now, and this is really what matters."

The 'Hounds only loss came from the districts' No. 1 seed, Chillicothe, in 11 innings.

If the 'Hounds, the No. 2 seed, get the chance to face Chillicothe again, it would be in the championship game.

"We don't want to assume anything," Conn said. "We have the potential to win it all, but any coach would say that."

Conn knows her team has the weapons and potential to win if they can use them right.

"Megan keeps us in games even if she doesn't have a great day," Conn said. "If she has a great game, good luck hitting the ball. The key is getting on base, we need to get our first runners on base, and then be smart hitters."

With the No. 2 seed, the 'Hounds received a bye in the first round of the tournament. They will take on the winner of host Lafayette and Cameron at 6 p.m. Thursday at Heritage Park in St. Joseph.

GOLF



SHANNON MCCLELLAN CHIPS onto the green during district play at the Moxingo Lake Golf Course. McClellan entered districts as the Spoofhounds No. 2 golfer. Results of the tournament were not available at press time, but log onto nwmissourianews.com later for results.

NORTHWEST & MARYVILLE HIGH

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Kendall Wright



Wright had a career day against Pittsburg State in the Fall Classic at Arrowhead Saturday. He collected a career high 11 catches for 157 yards and helped the Bearcats defeat the Gorillas 35-10. The 'Cats took a 5-2 advantage in their annual clash with Pittsburg State.

Kelsey Sanders



Sanders scored an unassisted game-winning goal in the 69th minute to lead the Bearcats over No. 4 Nebraska-Omaha last Saturday. The win was the 'Cats first against a Top-5 team, and she earned MIAA offensive player of the week honors for her performance.

John Farmer



Farmer accumulated more than 200 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns in Friday's game against Chillicothe. He responded to a 14-0 first quarter deficit with a 90-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, and an 80-yard reception to set up another touchdown.

Molly Stiens



Stiens took one deep in a low scoring affair with North Platte Thursday. Her home run was one of only two runs scored all game as the Spoofhounds defeated North Platte 2-0. The victory makes Maryville 19-1 for the regular season as they now move into district play.

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Coaches tell the truth ... as they see it

Turn to the back page of ESPN The Magazine and read Rick Reilly's column on the fabrications and falsehoods told by coaches. It's hilarious, but a touch off base.

Coaches don't lie; they just tell the truth as they see it.



Marcus Meade
Sports Editor

"Coach, why couldn't you run the football out there today?" a reporter might ask.

"Well, when you play good teams, you have to play a good game. We were playing a good game, we didn't play good, so, we lost."

"Thanks coach." But coaches don't out right lie. Well, sometimes they do, but everyone lies.

They just avoid saying anything to offend anyone.

Kansas basketball coach Bill Self is a great example of how a coach can say a whole lot without saying

anything. This offseason, he's had two former players kicked out of the NBA rookie symposium for alleged drug use and a current player who allegedly exposed himself to a woman. What does Self say? Things like "they'll let the courts handle it" and "it's an unfortunate incident."

But what's he suppose to say? "We recruit guys with questionable character to win national championships because that's what everyone does. That's the only way to win."

No. So coaches stay broad and positive. It's also in a coach's nature to be eternally optimistic. When Southwest Baptist plays Northwest, I'm sure the Baptist coaches tell

the media they have an improving football team, and if they play their game, they have a chance. The coach has to say that. It's probably in his contract under the "never say die" clause.

I think some coaches actually believe their teams can win against any team, and that's fine, because no one expects them to be completely honest anyway.

I wouldn't want to be a journalist in a world where coaches do nothing but speak bold truths. There's something refreshing about knowing what a coach will say before he/she says it. It also makes the Jim Mora situations even more fun. I love you Jim Mora.

POWER RANKINGS

MIAA Team

1. Northwest	5-1	Took down another ranked opponent in Pitt
2. Pitt State	5-1	Couldn't hang with best team in MIAA
3. Central	5-1	Tough game coming with Northwest
4. UNO	3-2	Embarrassing loss to Truman last week
5. Washburn	4-2	Shut out Missouri Southern last week
6. Truman	3-2	Biggest win at Truman in recent memory
7. Mo. Western	2-4	Got back in the win column last week
8. Mo. Southern	3-3	Got waxed by Washburn last week
9. Fort Hays	2-4	Close call against Western
10. Emporia	3-3	Fighting to be new Baptist of MIAA

MEC Team

1. Chillicothe	6-0	Still the highest scoring offense in the MEC
2. Maryville	5-1	An extra point shy of an epic ending vs. Chillicothe
3. Savannah	6-0	Play the top two teams in the next two weeks
4. Smithville	4-2	Outscored last two opponents 70-7
5. Benton	3-3	Quickly falling in the rankings
6. Lafayette	2-4	Have only beat the bottom two this season
7. Cameron	0-6	Could get first win this week against LeBlond
8. LeBlond	1-5	May not win another game this year

Results from last week

1. Chillicothe beat Maryville	28-27
2. Maryville lost to Chillicothe	27-28
3. Savannah beat Benton	31-6
4. Smithville beat LeBlond	35-0
5. Benton lost to Savannah	6-31
6. Lafayette beat Cameron	33-29
7. Cameron lost to Lafayette	29-33
8. LeBlond lost to Smithville	0-35

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Marc's picks

Prediction record (11-12)
NCAA Lock
K-State at Texas A&M — K-State This should be the safest lock in the world. Kansas State is only giving three points to the Aggies. That's crazy. Texas A&M nearly lost to Army.

NCAA Upset

Vanderbilt at Miss. St. — Miss. St. Vandy's giving three to a tough Mississippi State team. The Bulldogs have lost close to some tough teams. Vandy lives on turnovers, and that's dangerous. If the Bulldogs protect the ball, they can take this game.

NFL Lock

Baltimore at Indy — Indy The Colts need to wake up. They stole one from Sage Rosenfels, I mean the Texans. Maybe a hard hitting Raven defense can get them ready to play.

NFL Upset

Dallas at Arizona — Arizona Maybe Kurt Warner and the Cardinals' offense can outscore the Cowboys.

Brian "The Bulldog's" picks

Prediction record (11-13)
NCAA Lock
Vanderbilt at Miss. State — Vandy I tried picking my Huskers the last couple weeks and I think my pick got in their heads. I don't want to jinx them anymore. Plus Vandy is undefeated and also unstoppable. Can you say Cinderella?

NCAA Upset

Iowa State at Baylor — Iowa State I'm a firm believer these two teams are working their way out of the Big 12 basement. Iowa State almost held off a huge upset last week, but then again it was Kansas. Baylor has an awesome freshman QB. Hopefully for me he makes those freshmen mistakes this week.

NFL Lock

Philadelphia at San Fran — Philly Philly has to win this game to stay afloat in the NFC bEAST. The Niners have been over-achieving but if the Eagles want to win, they have to do better on the ground.

NFL Upset

Chicago at Atlanta — Atlanta Dustin's wrong.

Woody's picks

Prediction record (14-10)
NCAA Lock
Texas vs. Oklahoma — Sooners The higher ranked team has won the last nine games in this series, and I like Sam Bradford over Colt McCoy. I just don't see anyone except Oklahoma winning the Big 12 South. Will history repeat itself? I hope so.

NCAA Upset

LSU at Florida — LSU I don't see how Florida is favored by six in this game. LSU is battle tested against better opponents, and although anyone can beat anyone else any week in the SEC, this is not the week LSU loses.

NFL Lock

Jacksonville at Denver — Denver This is the third time I've picked the Broncos and so far they have not let me down. I will take Jay Cutler over David Garrard any day, and plus they are playing at Mile High.

NFL Upset

Baltimore at Indy — Ravens I just really dislike Peyton Manning. There's no need to be in that many commercials.

Dustin's picks

Prediction record (14-10)
NCAA Lock
Penn St. at Wisconsin — Penn St. JoePa and his Nittany Lions are back to their old ways this season. The Badgers are on a two game losing streak and have fell from the rankings after starting the year at No. 11.

NCAA Upset

Iowa at Indiana — Indiana Indiana's football program is on the rise for the first time in history, and the Hawkeyes have been under-achieving the past few years. The Hoosiers win this close game.

NFL Lock

Chicago at Atlanta — Chicago Matt Ryan looked great this last week against the Packers, but I don't think he has an answer for the Bears defense. Plus, Kyle Orton is looking better and better.

NFL Upset

Miami at Houston — Miami I'm still mad at Matt Schaub for getting sick and making me look like an idiot in my fantasy league so I'm picking him to lose to the Dolphins.

WHAT TO WATCH

Marc's TV picks

Friday
•Entourage, HBO, 10:30 p.m. — Great show. In this episode, the gang takes some magical mushrooms and have a time out in the desert.

Saturday

•Oklahoma St. at Missouri, ESPN2, 7 p.m. — Are the Cowboys for real? Is Missouri's defense good enough? All could be answered.

Sunday

•Chicago at Atlanta, Fox, noon — Brian Urlacher is my favorite NFL player, so tough, so fast, so bald.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Brian's TV picks

Friday
•Hawaii at Boise State, ESPN, 7p.m. — Broncos try to extend their home record to 29-0 on that ugly blue turf.

Saturday

•Nebraska at Texas Tech, FSN, 2p.m. — Please dear baby Jesus let Nebraska win this game.

Sunday

•The Ringer, TBS, 11:50 a.m. — Knoxville is funny as a poor gambler pretending to be mentally challenged for the Special Olympics.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Woody's TV picks

Friday
•National Lampoon's Vacation, Bravo, 8 p.m. — The Griswolds load up in the "family truckster" and head to Walley World.

Saturday

•Oklahoma vs Texas, ABC, 11 a.m. — The Red River Shootout matches two top-five teams this year.

Sunday

•Patriots at Chargers, NBC, 7:15 p.m. — These two teams are on the brink of disappointing seasons. This game could be pivotal.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Dustin's TV picks

Friday
•Phillies at Dodgers, Fox, 3:00 p.m. — October is probably my favorite month of the year just because that means the MLB Playoffs.

Saturday

•Northwest at Central Missouri, Live, 1:30 p.m. — I'll be on the sidelines watching this game through the camera lens. Plus, I'll never turn down the chance to see a live football game.

Sunday

•Dodger at Phillies, Fox, 7 p.m. — Reread what I wrote for my Friday pick.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Top 3 picks of the week

By Jesse Murphy
Missourian Reporter

New to DVD This Week

"The Happening," the newest film from writer/director M. Night Shyamalan ("The Sixth Sense," "Signs"), hit stores Tuesday. Something is attacking America, causing people to do things they normally wouldn't. Terrorism is suspected, though never dispelled it becomes apparent something else is behind the situation. Mark Wahlberg ("The Departed") and John Leguizamo ("Summer of Sam") both grace the screen. The movie is more gruesome than Shyamalan's usual work, but very entertaining and worth renting.

Now in theaters: Since last Friday, the big screen is playing host to "Religulous," a satirical comedy about different aspects of different types of religion. Written and performed by comedian Bill Maher ("Real Time With Bill Maher"), he confronts contemporary views of Christianity, Scientology, Islam and more and interviews multiple religious leaders and believers. Guaranteed to be controversial and upsetting to many groups of people, this movie should be seen by all regardless of religious preferences or biases.

New on CD: A new Bob Dylan compilation album, "Tell Tale Signs: The Bootleg Series Vol. 8" is now in stores. There are two discs, consisting of 27 songs, 12 of which are unreleased. Quite a few of the tracks are live, which I think is Dylan at his best, and a great mix of new and old music. You really hear the blues influences Dylan grew up listening to. This is most definitely an album of the raw, non-commercialized Bob Dylan.

STROLLER

Your Man won't bail out

The word on everyone's lips: bailout.

At first, I didn't understand this concept. The only bailout I'm familiar with comes after a booking, a mug shot and a cavity search. So, when someone explained to me what the bailout plan was, how the American people have no choice but to fork over money because some filthy rich guys only know how to screw up on a global scale, I was a little shocked.

Really, the bailout doesn't affect me. I don't make money. I don't trust the American government since it tried to copy my memory onto a thumb drive, so, I don't pay taxes per se. But if I did, the bailout would ultimately cost me, and every American, \$2,300 each.

That's a lot of scratch. Here's what we could be spending that money on if it weren't going to feed the well-fed and clothe the guys wearing Armani.

115 \$20 lap dances

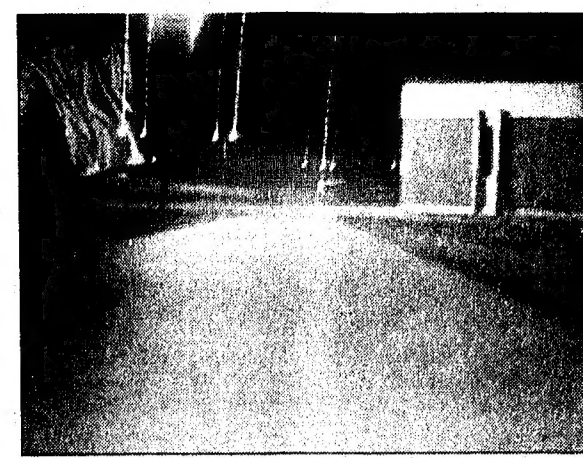
Shotgun Jenny's, Hamburg, Iowa. It's a little bit of a drive, but you'd have the money to party all night. Don't let the name fool you, it's a very classy establishment with all the warmth and sophistication of any well-kept public bathroom.

230 copies of "Pyromania" by Def Leppard

Oh yeah baby. We're getting a deal on this record. "Pyromania" may not be as well known as Def Lep's "Hysteria," but with classic tracks like "Die Hard the Hunter" and "Rock! Rock! Till You Drop," you'll see why the influence of Def Leppard lives to this day.

Six kids for an entire year

For \$28 a month you can buy a kid from the Save the Children Foundation. Which means, over the course of a year, you could afford six kids. I don't know what kind of operation they're running, but it sounds like a sweet deal. Apparently, that money goes for food,



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so, you don't have to feed them. Imagine having a kid around to do all the things you don't want to do. Send him to class to take notes. Send him to the kitchen to make you a sandwich. And when he grows up, send him to an NBA tryout.

The entire eBay catalog of Lionel Richie memorabilia

You'll have change left over, but included are a platinum album of "Dancing on the Ceiling" and an autographed guitar. We all know that Richie was quite a guitar smith. Remember that monster riff in "Say You, Say Me." Wow, how could people be selling these precious memories?

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

'Nick and Norah' shines with great actor chemistry, abundance of awkwardness

By Brian Johnson
Entertainment Reporter

Put "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist" on repeat because you'll never want it to end. Forget "The Notebook" and "Nights in Rodanthe." This is a real love story.

This film follows two indie music fans played by Michael Cera ("Superbad") and Kat Dennings ("The 40-Year-Old Virgin") over a period of one night in New York City as they search for an obscure band called "Where's Fluffy?"

The two characters don't even

know each other before that night. Cera's character, Nick, is the bass player for his band "The Jerk-Offs" and is recovering from the breakup with the girl of his dreams. She goes to school with Denning's character, the straight-edge outcast yet strangely beautiful Norah. She develops a crush on Nick because of the mix CDs he sends to his ex.

From there, Nick and Norah develop a quick, tumultuous and eventually loving relationship over the course of a sleepless night in New York City. It's filled with great indie music, drunken debauchery and enough

sweetness to make you go "awwww" more than one should be allowed over the course of an hour and a half.

The chemistry between Cera and Denning is evident right away. From the first time they look at each other, one is immediately drawn back to high school when they fell in love for the first time.

These two great actors have that outcast quality which is perfect for this movie. You also get the sense they could actually be together in real life.

Forget Richard Gere and any other chick flick actors he's acted with over the years. Cera and Denning have

impeccable chemistry.

This movie is sweet and filled to the brim with quirky and awkward dialogue. Everyone who has liked someone knows what I'm talking about. When you try to talk to that person, you come off a little befuddled and sound stupid.

This movie was so real in the way that these two talked to each other you can almost mistake it for a documentary.

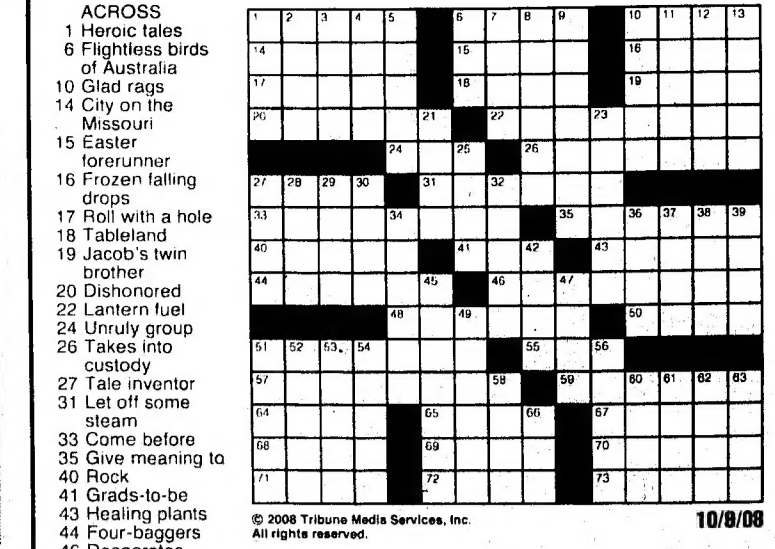
However, this isn't just a quirky chick flick of sorts. There are also plenty of great comedic moments provided by an up-and-coming sup-

porting cast. There are also great surprise cameos from SNL funnymen Seth Meyers and Andy Samberg as well as others.

I'm the typical guy whose favorite movies are dark violent films such as "Pulp Fiction," but deep down I have a soft spot too. This movie has absolutely exposed that I hope all my nay-sayers are happy.

It's hard not to be captured by this new version of a romantic comedy. It is so real and raw with great scenic locations, amazing music and a cast you'll fall in love with. Think of it as a "When Harry Met Sally" for emo kids.

Crossword



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but close at heart

By Sydney Moore
Features Editor

Far away

The walls in a small Hudson dorm room are covered with various photos from senior prom, graduation, summer lake trips and high school football games.

The faces in the photos have wide smiles spread across them and the couple has their arms wrapped so tightly around each other it looks like they will never let go.

The young couple is in love.

Ashlee Reed, a freshman at Northwest, has been with her boyfriend, Caleb, for four and a half years. Like many high school sweethearts, they've been through their share of the ups and downs that come with high school and young love. However, in August, the couple was put up against a different kind of relationship test — separation.

"I always knew I'd go away for college and he never had plans to," Reed said. "It's been a lot easier because we had so much time to prepare for it."

Although having time to prepare for the distance does help, it's not always enough to make the days easier. The adjustment of being separated from your significant other is a switch for anyone and the transition to college can be an especially tough one.

Freshman Jenice Assel said the first week was the hardest when it came to being away from her boyfriend

of two years, Caleb.

"It was really hard because a lot of his friends left for school too," she said. "It was like he was double lonely because we were all gone."

With the distance between couples, trying to keep the relationship strong takes effort from both sides. Although the distance puts a damper on time spent together, technology has helped with the ease of keeping in touch, even if it's a quick text message, phone call or even Facebook wall post, acknowledging each other helps the other person know they are still part of everyday thoughts.

Senior Jeff Woods relies on technology to keep him close with his girlfriend of one year, Veronica, who lives in Monterrey, Mexico. The couple met when Woods studied Spanish in Mexico last year and only dated for three months before he finished his year abroad and returned home. With the help of technology, Woods and his girlfriend decided to give the distance a chance.

"We talk on the phone a lot," Woods said. "And it's cool because she helps out with the phone bill."

The aid of technology may help keep couples in close communication, but the little things like hugs, kisses and those special moments are still impossible without being together.

Assel, whose boyfriend is nearly two hours away, feels the sting of the distance everyday. The couple went to Cameron High School together, where the next hug or quick kiss was in between classes.

"The hardest part is not being able to give him a hug every morning," Assel said. "We talk at least once a day, but it's definitely not the same as seeing him."

Although some long-distance relationships can manage the distance, others find the distance to be unbearable. Sometimes, the communication isn't enough, and the lack of being able to be near one another physically is overbearing.

"People change," Woods said. "Sure, you talk, but physically people change, and it's hard not being able to see how they interact socially."

Senior Jake Rockey believes although some long-distance relationships can work, things don't always work out as expected. Rockey has experienced a few long-distance relationships himself, and believes distance was an element in the breakups.

"You learn a lot from (relationships)," he said. "I don't have any regrets, of course, but it's always a factor, whether it's the finisher or not."

Like all relationships, the moments between times spent together are difficult. With the distance between loved ones, the times allowed to spend together are crucial for the relationship.

"Long distance relationships make the time you do have more special," Rockey said. "But obviously, I'm not a fan."

